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First Named Applicant: ROBERT D. KREIKEMEIER

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For: APPARAUS AND METHOD OF FORMING

A CORROSION RESISTANT LADDER

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#### RESPONSE UNDER 1.116

### Expedited Procedure--Examining Group Art Unit 3634

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 25, 2006, and in order to place this case in condition for immediate allowance or in beform for appeal, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which

begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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